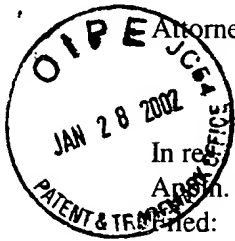


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maeda et al.
 Appn. No.: 09/631,491
 Filed: August 3, 2000
 For: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY AND
 NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE RECHARGEABLE

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Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

- This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office Action dated September 28, 2001.
- Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.
- Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory
 limit for response to an Official Action.

- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional
 extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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